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SUBJECT: CCMS GEOTHERMAL SMALL POWER PLANT MTG/AZORES

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(B) LISBON 4920 DTG 261648Z AUG 75

SUMMARY: CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS ON TRACK. AZOREAN ELEMENTS OF GOP DELEGATION WILL PUSH HARD ON PROPOSAL FOR INTERNATIONAL LABORATORY. CONTINENTAL ELEMENTS OF DELEGATION UNDER PRESSURE TO OPPOSE OR BE NON-COMMITTAL TOWARD IDEA. AZOREANS ENVISION LABORATORY AS INTEGRAL PART OF SCHEME FOR ESTABLISHMENT NEW UNIVERSITY IN ISLANDS. END SUMMARY.

1. CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT MEMBER VICTOR FORJAZ REPORTS LAST MINUTE DETAILS ARE IN ORDER AND CONFERENCE IS ON TRACK. GOP DELEGATION TO CONSIST OF 10 DELEGATES (WITH TWO WIVES). SEVERAL OFFICIAL BODIES, BOTH IN CONTINENTAL PORTUGAL AND IN AZORES, HAVE ASKED TO SEND DELEGATES; SECRETARIAT HAS REFUSED THESE

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REQUESTS IN VIEW LIMITED HOTEL SPACE AND IN ORDER ASSURE THAT

PORUGUESE ELEMENT DOES NOT DOMINATE CONFERENCE.

2. POST-CONFERENCE TOUR (REF B): PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE (PAF) HAD PREVIOUSLY COMMITTED SINGLE DC-3 FOR POST-CONFERENCE AERIAL TOUR TO FAIAL. ON AFTERNOON SEPT. 2 PAF CHIEF OF STAFF MORAIS E SILVA NOTIFIED FORJAZ THAT ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR CONFERENCE DELEGATES' USE, SHOULD THEY BE NEEDED. THIS MEANS SECOND PLANE FOR FAIAL TOUR ON SEPT. 12, NEW PLANE ON SEPT. 13 TO RETURN TO PONTA DELGADA THOSE DELEGATES STAYING EXTRA DAY IN HORTA IN ORDER TO TOUR PICO SITES. (IF THIS PLANE MADE AVAILABLE, DELEGATES STAYING ON FOR PICO TOUR WILL SAVE ONE DAY, DEPARTING AZORES LATE ON SEPT. 13 OR SEPT. 14.)

3. INTERNATIONAL LABORATORY (REF A): ON BASIS PREVIOUS INFORMATION FORJAZ FELT CONTINENTAL GOP AUTHORITIES WERE UN-ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT IDEA OF LABORATORY FOR ESSENTIALLY BUREAUCRATIC REASONS. HE HAS SINCE LEARNED THAT TWO LISBON MINISTRIES WHICH WOULD BE MOST CONCERNED WITH ADMINISTRATIVE PLANNING FOR LABORATORY ARE OPPOSED TO IDEA -- GIVEN CURRENT STATE OF GOVERNMENTAL DISARRAY, MINISTRIES WOULD BE UNABLE TO HANDLE PROJECT. AZOREANS HAVE THEREFORE INSISTED THAT QUESTION OF PROCEEDING WITH LABORATORY BE LEFT TO DISCRETION/RESPONSIBILITY OF AZOREANS THEMSELVES, THAT CONTINENTALS NOT BE ALLOWED VETO POWER. AT SECRETARIAT'S REQUEST, JUNTA GERAL FOR PONTA DELGADA -- WHICH WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE FOLLOW-THROUGH -- HAS OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED FORJAZ AS ITS COMPETENT LISBON REPRESENTATIVE TO HANDLE MATTERS CONCERNING LABORATORY PROJECT. HEAD OF GOP DELEGATION (FERNANDO DIAS AGUDO, PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH BOARD) IS "MODERATE" ON ISSUE, SYMPATHETIC TO IDEA BUT NOT GETTING OUT IN FRONT.

4. UNIVERSITY OF AZORES: SHORTLY BEFORE APRIL 1974 REVOLUTION LISBON AUTHORIZED ESTABLISHMENT IN AZORES OF NEW UNIVERSITY. PLANS THEN CALLED FOR PORTUGUESE EQUIVALENT OF US "NORMAL" SCHOOL FOR TEACHER TRAINING. PLANS WERE SHELVED AFTER REVOLUTION. "AZOREANS" (FORJAZ DID NOT SPECIFY WHO) ARE NOW PLANNING ON REVIVING UNIVERSITY, CENTERING IT THIS TIME AROUND INDUSTRIES BASIC TO ISLANDS' NEEDS, AS AGRICULTURE AND FISHING. THEY HOPE TO OPEN UNIVERSITY IN TWO YEARS' TIME. WHAT IS ESSENTIAL, CONFIDENTIAL

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ACCORDING TO FORJAZ, IS THAT NEW UNIVERSITY BE CREDITABLE INSTITUTION FROM OUTSET -- BETTER TO BEGIN MODESTLY, BUT EFFECTIVELY, THAN TO RUSH ALONG WITH HASTILY AND POORLY PLANNED PROJECT. FORJAZ SAID AZOREANS ARE CONFIDENT A RESPECTABLE UNIVERSITY IN AZORES WILL BE MAGNET FOR COMPETENT PROFESSOR CURRENTLY STAGNATING ON CONTINENT AND ANXIOUS TO ESCAPE FROM PREVAILING CHAOS. SEVERAL OF HIS (NON-AZOREAN) COLLEAGUES AT UNIV. OF LISBON ARE AWARE OF AZOREAN PLANS AND INTERESTED IN

JOINING UNIVERSITY, ONCE PROJECT GETS GOING.

5. RELATIONSHIP OF LABORATORY TO UNIVERSITY: FORJAZ SAID AZOREANS SEE LABORATORY FITTING IN WELL WITH THEIR PLANS FOR NEW UNIVERSITY. TWO INSTITUTIONS COULD ENJOY SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIP. IN EACH CASE DRAWING BOARD PLANS WILL EXTEND OVER SEVERAL MONTHS, SUGGESTING THE ADVANTAGE OF COORDINATING WORK ON TWO PROJECTS FROM BEGINNING.

6. COMMENT: DEVELOPMENTS DURING COURSE OF PLANNING FOR GEO-THERMAL CONFERENCE HAVE ILLUSTRATED TRENDS IN CONTINENT/ISLAND RELATIONS THAT, TO CERTAIN EXTENT, MAY BE GENERALIZED. WHAT SEEMS MOST SIGNIFICANT IS THAT AZOREAN TECHNICIANS HAVE BEEN ACTING AS THEY ALREADY WERE RESPONSIBLE TO AN AUTONOMOUS POWER CENTER, WHILE CONTINENTAL TECHNICIANS HAVE ACTED AS IF THEY RECOGNIZED DE FACTO THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS. PLANNING INITIATIVE FOR THE CONFERENCE HAS PASSED PERCEPTIBLY FROM LISBON TO PONTA DELGADA.

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